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REMARKS

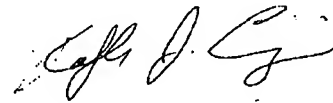
Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the attention accorded to the instant application. Claim 3 has been canceled, and claims 1,4, 6 and 12 have been amended.

Claims 1,4, 6 and 12 have been amended to specifically point out a distinction over the references, in that none of the references, alone or in combination, teach a system or method whereby primary cells in strings, arrays or sections are discharged below a predetermined voltage level prior to switching the next array of cells.

Regarding the rejections under non-statutory type double patenting, applicants will submit a terminal disclaimer upon indication of allowance of the pending claims.

The amendments herein do not introduce any new matter. It is believed that the claims herein should be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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